GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SICKLE CELL DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include sickle cell and other blood related diseases under the National Rural Health Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up diagnosis and treatment centres in different parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Nagpur?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is an over arching umbrella initiative seeking to establish a fully functional, decentralized health delivery system. As part of Annual State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), states are envisaged to include initiatives relating to locally relevant morbidities and priorities.As part of this process activities for management of Sickle Cell Anemia have been included in the state PIP. An amount of Rs.150 lakhs was approved under NRHM for FY 2007-08 for management of sickle cell anemia in the state of Maharashtra. As such, the GOI is not proposing to set up and manage diagnosis and treatment centres in different parts of the country.